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THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

THE annual stated session of the Academy was held in Washington, April 19th to 22d.

The President, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, presided over all the sessions and thirty-five other members of the Academy were in attendance, as follows:

Messrs. Cleveland Abbe, Alex. Agassiz, Geo. F. Barker, Carl Barus, A. G. Bell, J. S. Billings, W. H. Brewer, W. K. Brooks, Elliott Cones, Wm. H. Dall, Wm. L. Elkin, S. F. Emmons, G. K. Gilbert, Theo. N. Gill, F. A. Gooch, Arnold Hague, Asaph Hall, James Hall, C. S. Hastings, Geo. W. Hill, Alpheus Hyatt, S. P. Langley, O. C. Marsh, T. C. Mendenhall, A. A. Michelson, Simon Newcomb, J. W. Powell, F. W. Putnam, Ira Remsen, H. A. Rowland, C. A. Schott, C. D. Walcott, Wm. H. Welch, C. A. White and A. W. Wright.

The public and business sessions of the Academy were held in the pavilions of the Congressional Library. It was an advantage for members to have a convenient opportunity to examine the magnificent arrangements and decorations of the library, and the place of meeting was preferable to the extemporized quarters in the National Museum. Still the rooms were not very accessible, their acoustical properties were extremely bad, and the temporary character of the arrangements are scarcely befitting a great National Academy. It is curious that Washington, with its immense scientific activity and continuous series of meetings and conventions, should have no suit-